

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S881–S958

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 16–20, 390–398, S.J. Res. 8, and S. Res. 58–62.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 59, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

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Measures Passed:

Committee Funding Resolutions Reporting: Senate agreed to S. Res. 58, authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

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Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 307, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 61, designating March 1, 2013, as “Read Across America Day”.

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Authorizing Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 62, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Measures Considered:

Sequester Replacement—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, to provide for a sequester replacement.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of February 27, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 28, 2013.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, February 28, 2013, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, to provide for a sequester replacement; that if cloture is not invoked, the motion to proceed be withdrawn, and Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, the motion to proceed be agreed to and Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, the motion to proceed be agreed to; that if the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, was previously agreed to, Senate then resume consideration of S. 16, and upon disposition of S. 16, the Senate resume consideration of S. 388, if the motion to proceed was previously agreed to.

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American Family Economic Protection Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 28, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 25), Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jannette Lake Dates, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2016.

Bruce M. Ramer, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2018.

Stephen J. Hadley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: Page S941

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—25) Page S923

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S957.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after

receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

POWER OF TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the power of transparency, focusing on giving consumers the information they need to make smart choices in the health insurance market, after receiving testimony from Margaret O'Kane, National Committee for Quality Assurance, Lynn Quincy, Consumers Union, and E. Neil Trautwein, National Retail Federation, all of Washington, DC; and Michael A. Livermore, New York University School of Law Institute for Policy Integrity, New York, New York.

ANIMAL DRUG USER FEE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine animal drug user fee agreements, focusing on advancing animal health for the public health, after receiving testimony from Bernadette M. Dunham, Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Richard Carnevale, Animal Health Institute, Washington, DC; and Jennifer Johansson, Generic Animal Drug Alliance, Bel Air, Maryland.

ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the assault weapons ban of 2013, including S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, after receiving testimony from former Representative Sandy Adams; John F. Walsh, United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, Department of Justice; Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors; Edward A. Flynn, Milwaukee Chief of Police, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; William Begg, Danbury Hospital, and Neil Heslin, both of Newtown, Connecticut; Nicholas J. Johnson, Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York; and David T. Hardy, Law Offices of David Hardy, Tucson, Arizona.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Harkin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.